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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 26 February 1994 from my President to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Akashi.

Further, upon instructions from my Government, I request that the Security Council review any decisions which might involve the deployment of peace-keepers from the Russian Federation on the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Recent deployments of Russian peace-keepers in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina have not been consistent with existing criteria. We would hope that in the future, existing criteria be applied consistently to all Member States having made offers to UNPROFOR, otherwise, this criteria must be scrupulously reviewed.

Excellency, May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and that of my President as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 26 February 1994 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the former Yugoslavia

The way Russian soldiers behaved on their arrival to Sarajevo raised discontent among its citizens, and, I believe, it harmed the reputation of the United Nations mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well. Namely, their arrival was accompanied by their manifestations of support to the aggressor and the scenery which reminded us of some past hideous times. Our people felt this as a provocation, which might have turned into incident.

In respect to all the above said, it is my duty to inform you that we do not approve of the arrival of additional Russian troops to Bosnia and Herzegovina. We think that any such decision should be postponed.

We kindly ask you, Mr. Akashi, to communicate the contents of this letter to the United Nations relevant authorities.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ